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1. The Ministry of Interior under Mehmet Shehu is divided into eight Sigurimi Sections each headed by a colonel and two assistant officers. The officers maintain continuous liaison with the Sigurimi city sections throughout Albania. These city sections are executive in nature and have complete independence of action in their respective jurisdictions. Arrest orders directly from the Sigurimi Section in the Ministry of Interior are rare.¹ However, in special cases where a suspected person moves from Tirana to another locality, Tirana will issue special orders to arrest or to conduct surveillances.

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2. The Sigurimi Section in Shkoder is typical of the city sections which are located in Tirana, Durres, Vlone, Elbasan, Berat, Gjinokaster, and Korce. This section is organized as follows: Chief of section, Major Rasin DEDA, Captain Xhemal SADIKU, Lieutenant Cesk SHOSHI, and Lilo Selim BEGU, All are natives of Shkoder. Four chief agents are employed and used for surveillance and for recruiting informants. An ad hoc committee consisting of members of the Sigurimi, members of the local Communist Party, Chief of the Sigurimi, Kol ASHTA, Director of the Shkoder Textile Factory and a certain Lilo ZENELI meet to decide on the measures to be adopted against persons in Shkoder who are hostile to the Hoxha regime. When an order for surveillance has been issued the chief agent dispatches two sub-agents, unknown to each other, to the area being surveilled. Lilo ZENELI is in charge of a special squad for making arrests. Persons arrested are taken immediately to the Sigurimi office where they are submitted to interrogation and torture. The Sigurimi chief performs the torture in his own office and keeps all of the instruments of torture, such as electric apparatus, pliers, knives, clubs, eggs, and salt in his desk drawer.

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